

# JULY 30, 2023 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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# A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10AM

# Welcome.

We are glad that you are here today.

We hope that you feel right at home, whether you are a first-timer or an old-timer. Relax; you are among friends.

Lift your heart and voice to the God who loves you.

However you found us, and by whatever means you are here, we are delighted to share this Way with you. If you'd like more information about St. Mary's, or would like a call from our clergy, please let us know - either in person, or by visiting <a href="www.GodsView.org/Connect/">www.GodsView.org/Connect/</a>.



### MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

The ministers of St. Mary's are all the people of St. Mary's

Preacher: The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron, Associate Rector

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Burke, Rector

Gospel Reader: The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gómez, Associate Rector

Reader: Rebecca Knapp

Voice of the People: Marcia Nattrass

Prayers of People: Maggie Wilkinson

Musicians: Praise Singers

Media Specialists:

Seth Eggleston

Nicki Thurwanger

Jamie Aiden Green

Communion Bread Baker: Laura Hanrahan

**Donuts:** Mike and Mateo

### GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC • Various selections from the Liturgical Music • Praise Singers
GATHERING MUSIC • I'm Getting Stronger • W. H. Miller

I take all hate and I turn it around, (3x) I'm getting stronger every day.

### [CHORUS]

I'm getting stronger, (3x)
I'm getting stronger every day.

You can't lock me out and you can't shut me down (3x) I'm getting stronger every day.

You can build a wall but it's going to fall, (3x) I'm getting stronger every day.

### [REPEAT CHORUS]

The one who was lost has now been found, (3x) I'm getting stronger every day.

The one who was dead is alive again, (3x) I'm getting stronger every day.

[Repeat Chorus Twice]

**WELCOME** • The Rev. Michael Burke

### \*OPENING HYMN • O God Our Help In Ages Past • Hymnal #680, vs. 1,4-6



6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

### **\*OPENING SENTENCES**

*Priest* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Priest Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Savior. *Amen.* 

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

### \*THE COLLECT

Priest God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

### FIRST READING • 1 Kings 3:5-12

*Reader* A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

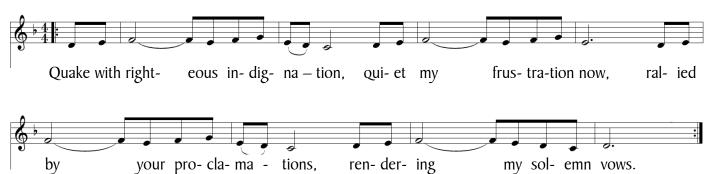
It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM 119**

### Antiphon



Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant;

I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy, as you always do to those who love your Name.

### ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Steady my footsteps in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

### ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

You are righteous, O God, and upright are your judgments.

You have issued your decrees with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

My indignation has consumed me, because my enemies forget your words.

Your word has been tested to the uttermost,

and your servant holds it dear.

### ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

I am small and of little account,
yet I do not forget your commandments.
Your justice is an everlasting justice,
and your law is the truth.
Trouble and distress have come upon me,
yet your commandments are my delight.
The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting;
grant me understanding, that I may live.

### ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

### **SECOND READING** • Romans 8:26-39

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

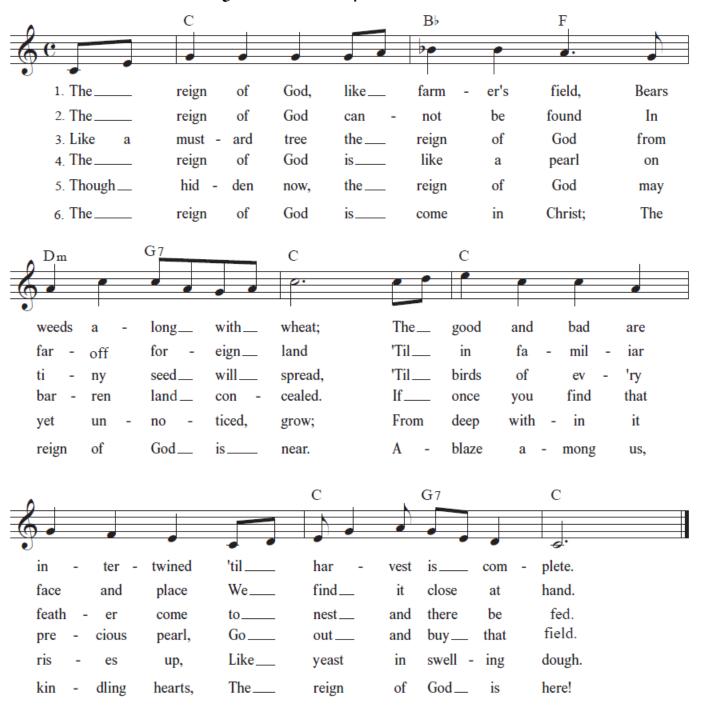
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else

in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### \*GOSPEL HYMN • The Reign of God • adpt. Delores Dufner



### **\*THE GOSPEL •** Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*Priest* Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and hid it in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure new things and old things."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON** • The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron

### \*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH



### \*THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop; and all bishops and ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions, aloud or via chat boxes Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or via chat boxes We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions, aloud or via chat boxes

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

A Priest says Together, praying,

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

A Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.* 

### \*THE PEACE

*Priest* The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the People may greet one another in the name of God.

### **OFFERING**

## SERVICE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offerings toward the work and ministry of St. Mary's may be made by texting **StMarysAK** to **73256**, or at **GodsView.org**.



Open. Aim. Tap.

**OFFERTORY HYMN** • *Call On Him* • Words: W. H. Miller, to the tune of "All Right Now" by Free

Verse 1 If you're down and confused,

\*\*Don't know what you're going through

If you feel the blues,

\*\*Here's something that you can do.\*\*

[CHORUS] Call on Him, go ahead and call on Him. Call on Him, go ahead and call on Him.

Verse 2 Modern life is so cold,Everything gets bought or gets sold,All alone in a crowd,While the television's blaring out loud.

Verse 3 We've got phones and TV,

Internet hook-up for free,
All these things communicate,
But mostly they just isolate.

[Repeat Chorus]

Verse 4 Now it's all in your hands,

D'you roll or do you take a stand?

Do you do what is right?

Or do you tune it out and say good night?

[REPEAT CHORUS]

### **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Priest* God be with you.

People And also with you.

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

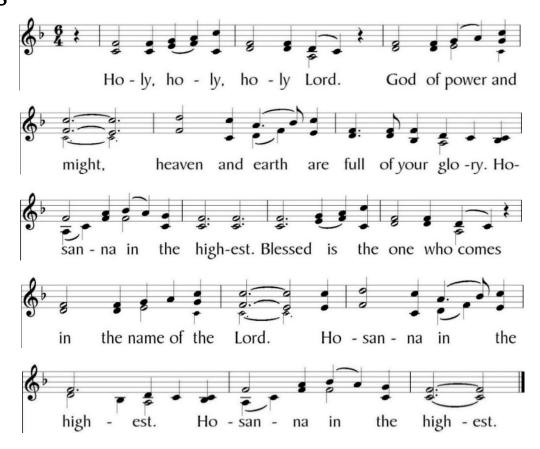
### The priest continues

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

### **SANCTUS**



Blessed are you, gracious God,

creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.
But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

> "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."  $\triangle \triangle \triangle$ 

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

### The priest continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. At the last day, bring us with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, into the joy of your eternal kingdom. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

*Priest* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, singing:



### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who feel you have failed.

Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

### **COMMUNION HYMN** • L'Amour de Moy (Instrumental)

**COMMUNION HYMN** • *Rocky Path* • W. H. Miller

Verse 1 We must pass through a dark forest,
Walking on a rocky path,
There are blessings in the forest,
But there's also grief and wrath.

[CHORUS] Oh my sisters, oh my brothers, Try to find the strength within, Seek the path of true salvation, Not the path of death and sin.

Verse 2 Danger howls like an addiction,
Anger scowls like acid rain,
Mercy goes into remission,
And it only causes pain.

[Repeat Chorus]

[INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE]

Verse 3 Burning trees and smoky mountains, Block the view that we once knew.

Try to find the sparkling fountain, Cleanse your heart and spirit, too.

[FINAL CHORUS] Oh my sisters, oh my brothers,

Try to find the strength within, Seek the path of true salvation, Not the path of death and sin. Seek the path of life eternal, Not the path of death and sin.

### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, a priest says Let us pray.

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

### SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: (Name), in the	e name of this congregation, we send you to share our
Eucharist with	May you take the prayers of all of us as you delive
the sacrament of Chri	st's presence.

ALL: We who are many are one body, because we all share in the one cup! Celebrant: Go forth in the name of God!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Watch over your child, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them where ever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding, abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants. Sustain them in their love and commitment to each other, that their home may be a place of peace and hospitality now and always. Amen.

### **SOBRIETY**

Bless, O God, your servant in their work or recovery; defend them in their sobriety; and bless them with strength and wisdom now and always. Amen.

### **WORK TRANSITION OR RETIREMENT**

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of this servant who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts; provide sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer the way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **BLESSING SONG**

May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son. And may the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love\*, be with you all your days.

\*Spirit of Peace [second verse]

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN • God of Grace and God of Glory • Hymnal #594





### **DISMISSAL**

A priest says Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia! People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



Those using Zoom are invited to join breakout rooms for conversation and fellowship.



Those on campus are invited to Waldron Hall for refreshments and conversation.

# First Sunday Breakfast Sunday, August 6 9 am in Waldron Hall

Come get your bellies and hearts off to a good start to the week with a delicious breakfast among friends! Want in on the fun? Come at 8 am and help cook!

# INTERESTED IN MAKING A FLOWER DEDICATION OR SPONSORING DONUTS FOR AFTER-SERVICE FELLOWSHIP TIME?

Signing up is easy! Please find the binders in the narthex, right outside of Waldron Hall and add your name and dedication.

Thank you!

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# ST. Mary's Booth at Underground Pride 2023

Special thanks to Christina Talbott-Clark and her team for putting together a fun and inviting booth that drew quite a crowd!





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### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

July 30-August 6, 2023

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### Sunday, July 30

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online;

ID 940 3189 1877

11:30 am Sermon Circle

Cay's Room

4 pm Evening Prayer

Sanctuary

### Monday, July 31

No scheduled events

### Tuesday, August 1

6:30 pm **Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner**Waldron Hall

### Wednesday, August 2

7 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088

8 am Caring Ministries Meeting

Cay's room & online;

ID 867 6384 4495

# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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Thursday, August 3

7 am Men's Group

Waldron Hall

7 pm Bible Workbench

Online; ID 821 8564 8348

Friday, August 4

No scheduled events

Saturday, August 5

No scheduled events

Sunday, August 6

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary

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